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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

In the Specification:

Page 2, before line 1, insert:

--The present application is a division of U. S. patent application serial number 8/917,044, filed August 19, 1997, which is a division of U. S. patent application serial number 08/284,893, filed August 2, 1994, and issued as U. S. patent 5,693,283 on December 2, 1997.--

Page 27, line 9, change "thermal forming" to --thermoforming--.

Page 28, line 18, change "thermal forming" to --thermoforming--.

In the Claims:

Cancel Claims 23 to 43 and 88 to 112.

REMARKS

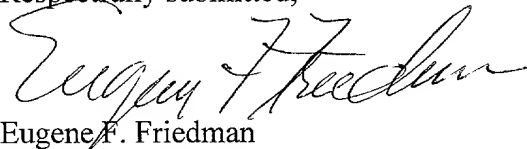
The foregoing cancels the claims in the prior applications that have been prosecuted to allowance and, in the case of the earlier, grandparent application, U. S. patent application serial number 08/284,893, filed August 2, 1994, to issuance as U. S. patent 5,693,283 on December 2, 1997. This cancellation permits the submission of the filing fee of \$2086.00 in the form of the enclosed Check No. 5256.

The present paper also constitutes an Information Disclosure Statement for the subject application. The attached Form PTO/SB/08a list *all* of the references in the grandparent application (serial number 08/284,893, and now patent 5,693,283) and the parent of this application (serial number 8/917,044). Copies of these references are not enclosed since all the entries on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08a were cited in either the parent or the grandparent application.

The attached Form PTO/SB/08a also lists U.S. patent 3,370,773 to R. W. Mayo. A copy of this patent *is* enclosed. Examiner J. Hayes, who had handled the parent application for a period, informally provided Applicant's undersigned attorney with a copy of the Mayo patent. In fact, it formed the basis for some discussion between Examiner Hayes and the attorney. However, it did not receive official citation the parent application's file. Accordingly, since the reference has some relevance, Applicant cites it on the attached form and provides a copy. He accordingly requests citation of all of the listed patents in the file of the present application.

Applicant believes that the above has placed the present application in condition for allowance. He sincerely requests this action. Should some minor impediment prevent this action, then the examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number given below. Hopefully, such a phone call will portend a substantial saving on the parts of the Patent and Trademark Office and Applicant.

Respectfully submitted,



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